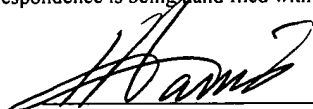


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed March 29, 2000, time for response to which was set to expire June 29, 2000. A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months until September 29, 2000 is attached hereto along with the required fee. The pending claims 1-29 and 31-44 have been rejected and claims 1-8, 17-22 and 34-37 are objected to. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.